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(NRCG MOU#15-11015600-035)

Friday – September 25, 2015

Representative Donald Jones, Chair
Education and Local Government Interim Committee
P.O. Box 201706
Helena, Montana 59620-1706

Re: Written Statement and supporting documentation pertaining to SJR 21 Local Fire and Emergency Services Study regarding

Contracted Resources – Perspective on 2015 season services provided.

Dear Representative Donald Jones, Chair and legislative members of the interim committee:

I am submitting written comments as a private Montana business owner registered with the State of Montana that has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) to provide contracting services for Individual Employee Training Verification, and equipment inspections to assist private contractors within Region One, which involves Northern Idaho, Montana, Western North and South Dakota; parts of Wyoming.

I also provide assistance as a Lead/Unit Instructor for two other MOU training providers within Region One; the Montana Logging Association (MLA) out of Kalispell Montana and Andersen Sewer Service, out of Billings, Montana.

I have attached supporting documentation for the work that was completed this past summer to the interim committee as an overview of the level of commitment that was made this past summer to help those in the private sector to meet the training and employee verification requirements to assist the State and Federal Agencies, along with local government entities within Region One.

The legislative language outlined under SJR21 and the work plan that the interim committee will adopted, enlightens that the legislative members of this respective interim committee will allow the opportunity to listen to the members of the private fire contracting sector, that provide a significant contribution to assist local communities; private landowners, the state, federal and local governments in wildfire suppression support in Montana and other states with a very active 2015 fire season.

Significant amount of input was documented regarding the private sector contribution to wildfire suppression support within Region One in the "The Price of Flame" final report of the Fire Suppression Interim Committee dated September 2008.

Respectfully



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Resume

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Education:

Graduate of Capital High School – Helena Montana
Montana State University – Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business:

Owner/Operator of Grady Bunch LLC, a private business registered with the State of Montana, holding Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Forest Service within Region One, and Region Six, that includes the State of Washington and the State of Oregon. Have complete equipment inspections for Region Nine, which includes the State's of Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Work Experience:

Retired from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) involved with natural resource management as a Land Use Specialist conducting rangeland surveys determining the carry capacity of classified timber and grazing on school trust lands lease out to agricultural lessees. Work with lessees on a one to one basis to address issues on grazing systems, weed management, soil fertility, and crop production.

Worked with the Environmental Assessments regarding improvements and multiple uses on school trust lands involving right of ways for pipelines of stock water developments, roads, power lines, land exchanges, etc.

Involvement in Wildland Fire Management later in the career with DNRC prior to retirement working with Direct and In-Direct Fire Suppression programs with Federal and Local Governments in the areas of fire suppression, training and program development with County Cooperative Wildland Fire Management Plans. Fire qualification as a Division Group Supervisor, Single Resource Engine Boss, Equipment Inspector and Contract Administration. Served on the NRCG Business Committee, NRCG Equipment Committee and DNRC Fire Business Committee.

Family ranching operation which is now in the fourth generation of operations, that's engaged in the issues on water rights, block management and conservation easement with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, timber management issues that is being affected by Mountain Pine Beetle and Spruce Budworm, and what is happening to the adjacent management of the Helena National Forest. Private land is covered by DNRC regarding direct and affidavit protection, and local rural fire district.

Father - Edward J. Grady Jr., served for 16 years as a Representative with the Montana Legislature and a member of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) interim committee during his term of office.

Community Service Involvement:

Lewis and Clark County Weed District – 6 years
Lewis and Clark County Conservation District Supervisor – 6 years
Fire Chief/Volunteer Firefighter – Canyon Creek Rural Fire District - 18 years
Board of Trustee – Canyon Creek Rural Fire District – 3 years
Lewis and Clark County Open Space Advisory Committee – 5 years
Associate Member with the Montana Logging Association
Executive Secretary with the Northern Rockies Wildfire Contractors Association (NRWCA)
Member of the Region 3 Citizens Advisory Committee with FWP - Term Expires 12/31/16

2015 Training Summary Assistance provided to the private sector regarding Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training RT-130, Work Capacity Test Administration, Wildland Firefighting Training, and Individual Employee Training Verifications		
Richard E. Grady – Lead/Unit Instructor under the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the respective Memorandum of Understanding's (MOU) with the Northern Rockies Wildfire Coordinating Group (NRCG) within Region One.		
Montana Logging Association MOU#15-MU-11015600-026	Verifications	Administrative Site Locations
Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training RT-130 in conjunction with First Aid/CPR training.	688	Big Timber, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Libby, Missoula, Plains, Deer Lodge
Work Capacity Fitness Test Administration (Carry a 45 Lb pack for 3 miles less than 45 minutes required under the Faller Module Solicitation within Region One)	Faller Module Solicitation are professional fallers that operate a chainsaw to cut hazard trees and assist with fireline construction. (45)	Anaconda, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Missoula, Libby
Andersen Sewer Service MOU#-15-MU-11015600-021		
Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training RT-130	300	Great Falls, Hamilton, Helena, Townsend, Missoula, Polson, Grangeville Idaho
Firefighter I Wildland	76	Townsend, Missoula, Moscow Idaho,
Firefighter II Wildland	30	Missoula
Position Task Book Review	15	Hamilton, Great Falls, Kalispell, Missoula, Troy and Potlatch Idaho.
Grady Bunch LLC MOU#15-MU-11015600-035		
Individual Employee Training Verifications (FFT2, FFT1, Engine Boss -ENGB and Water Tender Operator-WTOP)	65 companies involving 454 employee verifications.	Region One – Northern Idaho, Montana and North Dakota based on contractor business location.
DNRC T2 Crew/Module Agreement (All 20 persons from the private sector)	30	White Horse Forestry Inc out of Corvallis, MT with an agreement with DNRC. Incident Assignment to California on 9/16/15
TOTAL:	1,618 Individuals supported through the respective individual MOU's	

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) HOLDERS

To assure sufficient wildland fire training and personnel and equipment inspection opportunities are available for private sector contractors who participate in specific solicitation and that the training meets or exceeds National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) standards.

Personnel and equipment inspections meets or exceeds the specifications as stated in Northern Rockies Geographic Area solicitations, the Northern Rockies Coordination Group (NRCG) has entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with individuals, companies, contractor associations and public education providers.

The list of valid MOUs with NRCG is available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/>. Other Geographic areas may have similar training MOUs or sources for qualifications. Training certificates, work capacity tests, position task books, and/or incident qualifications cards from these approved providers will be recognized.

Training Standards for the Private Sector within the respective solicitations for Region One

The *National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1*, developed under the sponsorship of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), is designed to:

1. Establish minimum requirements for training, experience, physical fitness level, and currency standards for wildland fire positions, which all participating agencies have agreed to meet for *national mobilization*. Standards may be augmented to meet specific needs within an agency, but the augmentation cannot be imposed by an agency on its cooperators who meet the minimums outlined in this guide.
2. Allow cooperating agencies to jointly agree upon training, experience, physical fitness level, and currency standards to meet fire management needs for wildland fire (*wildland fire* includes wildfire and prescribed fire).
3. Establish minimum qualifications for personnel involved in prescribed fires on which resources of more than one agency are utilized—unless local agreements specify otherwise.

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING VERIFICATION FORM
Interagency Water Handling Agreement

Employee Name: Identification Verified (e.g. Drivers License, Passport, etc.) <u>yes</u> If CDL with Tank Endorsement Required verify; Y N _ Medical Certificate if Required, verify; Y _N PACK TEST _x Arduous or ___Light. Time: Date:	Qualified ICS Position _FFT2 _FFT1 -ENGB _WTOP
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COMPANY NAME	Hiring Date:
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ICS Position	Required Course/PTB	Month & Year Of Training Or PTB Completed	Instructor, Institution or PTB Certifier	Location &/or Phone # of Instructor, Institution or Certifier
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Firefighter II	S-130			
	S-190			
	I-100 (1/06+)			
	L-180 (1/06+)			

Firefighter I	S-131			
	S-133 (1/06+)			
	PTB			

ENGB	IS 200b			
	S-230			
	S-290			
	PTB			

All Positions (FFT2, FFT1 & ENGB)	IS-700a		https://training.fema.gov	https://training.fema.gov
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All Positions (Support Water Tender, FFT2, FFT1 & ENGB) *Required Annually	RT-130 Annual Fireline Safety Refresher			
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Wildland Fire Experience
 (List the Previous 5 Years Wildland Fire Experience)

YEAR	POSITION	INCIDENT NAME	AGENCY	ACREAGE	NO. OF DAYS

Signature of Inspector/Training Verification Provider	Phone Number	Date of Submission
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INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE TRAINING VERIFICATION FORM
DNRC T2 Crew/ Module Agreement

Employee Name: Identification Verified (e.g. Drivers License, Passport, etc.) _____ If CDL with Tank Endorsement Required verify; Y <u> </u> N <u> </u> Medical Certificate if Required, verify; Y <u> </u> N <u> </u> PACK TEST x <u> </u> Arduous or <u> </u> Light. Time: Date:	Qualified ICS Position -xFFT2 <u> </u> FFT1 <u> </u> <u> </u> ENGB <u> </u> CRWB
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	S-190			
	I-100 (1/06+)			
	L-180 (1/06+)			
Firefighter I	S-131			
	S-133 (1/06+)			
	PTB			
ENGB/ CRWB	IS-200b			
	S-230			
	S-290			
	PTB			
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			FFT2 for 2015		
Signature of Inspector/Training Verification Provider Richard E Grady			Phone Number	Date of Submission 9/20/15	

Summary of specific equipment available in 2015 as outlined within Region One based on solicitations with the Northern Rockies Coordination Group (NRCG) entitled NRCG Contracting for Fire. www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nreg/agree-contract

Operators of the equipment must receive the required training requirements as outlined in the respective solicitations within NRCG.

Resource Kind and Type	Availability	Summary	
Dozers			
Type 1 – 200-320 HP	15		HP - Horsepower
Type 2 – 100-199 HP	89		
Type 3 – 50-99 HP	44		
Total:		148	
Excavators			
Type 1 – 156 + HP	18		HP - Horsepower
Type 2 – 111-155 HP	41		
Type 3 – 81-110 HP	40		
Type 4 – 60-80 HP	3	102	
Total			
Faller Modules	49		Professional sawyers
Feller Bunchers			
Type 1 – 226 + HP	58		HP - Horsepower
Type 2 – 160-225 HP	9		
Total:		67	
Fuel Tenders	9		
Gray Water Trucks	7		
Mechanized Service Trucks	23		
Pumper Cats			
Type 1 – 500-650+ gallons	1		Tank capacity in gallons
Type 2 – 325-499 gallons	6		
Type 3 – 200-324 gallons	3		
Total:		10	
Skidgines			
Type 1 – 1200-2500 gallons	4		Tank capacity in gallons
Type 2 – 800-1199 gallons	9		
Type 3 – 400-799 gallons	33		
Type 4 – 200 -399 gallons	11		
Total:		57	
Wildland Engines			
Type 3 – 500-1500 gallons	39		Tank capacity in gallons
Type 4 – 750-1500 gallons	25		
Type 5 – 400-749 gallons	8		
Type 6 – 150-399 gallons	132		
Total:		204	
Wildland Water Tenders			
Type 1 – 4000 + gallons	7		Tank capacity in gallons
Type 2 – 2500-3999 gallons	97		
Type 3 – 1000-2499 gallons	28		
Total:		132	
Heavy Equipment Task Force	19 Individual Companies		Minimum of a Feller Buncher, Skidder, Dozer/Pumper Cat

The Northern Rockies Coordination Group (NRCG) is established to provide an interagency approach to wildland fire management and all-risk support on all land ownerships within the State of Montana, North Dakota, northern Idaho, and a small portion of South Dakota and Wyoming.

NRCG is made up of representatives from the Montana Firewarden's Association, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Idaho Department of Lands, North Dakota Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, Montana Fire Chief's Association, and Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association

The purpose of the NRCG is to further interagency cooperation, communications, coordination, and to provide interagency fire management direction and all-risk support for the Northern Rockies Geographic Area.